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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/366,085
Entitled: *METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR MODULATING*
"Marginally Indiscriminant" Hybridizations
Our Reference No.: TMI-032

Dear Mike:

We have now received a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the above-identified application was filed on August 3, 1999 and assigned Application No. 09/366,085.

Would you please review the enclosed copy of the application as filed and execute the enclosed Declaration, Petition, and Power of Attorney, which Steve Benight has also signed. Please read the application to verify that it completely and accurately describes the invention and the best known mode for practicing the invention. After reviewing the application, carefully read, date and sign in **blue ink**, if possible, the attached Declaration, and then return it to us.

We would like to file these documents with the Patent Office on **November 23, 1999**, if possible. For your convenience, we have enclosed a preaddressed overnight envelope for returning the documents to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

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